



# ***Alachua County***

## ***Board of County Commissioners***

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**Michele Lieberman**  
*County Manager*

March 28, 2019

Environmental Protection Agency Region 4  
Regional Freedom of Information Officer  
Atlanta Federal Center  
61 Forsyth Street, SW 9<sup>th</sup> Flr  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3104

Re: Freedom of Information Act request related to proposed phosphate mine in Bradford County, Florida and/or Union County, Florida

Dear Region 4 Freedom of Information Officer:

This letter is a Freedom of Information Act request for records, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552, and is intended to request copies of certain records, as described below.

I hereby respectfully request that the EPA make available to me for inspection and copying, the following records, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. This request includes any records made or received by the EPA, whether in written or electronic form, that relate in any way to the following:

1. Any and all records since **January 1, 2009** related to any proposed phosphate mine in Bradford and/or Union County, including any application for a permit or approval for a phosphate mine in Bradford and/or Union County, including any records pertaining to a permit applied for or issued under the Clean Water Act or any Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement related to phosphate mining in Bradford County, Florida; and
2. Any and all public records since **January 1, 2009** related to or concerning an entity identified as HPS and/or HPS Enterprises II, LLC.
3. Any and all public records since **January 1, 2009** relating to activities on the HPS Enterprise II, LLC HPS II Mine property in Bradford and Union Counties, Florida, as more specifically depicted in the maps attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, within the jurisdiction of your agency, including, but not

limited to, any permit, permit consultation, development order and/or enforcement matter, regardless of whether these activities relate directly or indirectly to phosphate mining.

We will pay a reasonable copying charge for the documents. Should the cost of responding to this request exceed **\$100.00**, please notify me in advance of incurring any costs with an estimated response time. If you prefer, the documents can be provided to us electronically.

Please provide all requested records to Alachua County's Environmental Protection Department Director, Chris Bird, at [chris@alachuacounty.us](mailto:chris@alachuacounty.us). If you have any questions regarding the scope of this request, please feel free to contact Mr. Bird regarding the same at either the e-mail address above or by phone at 352-374-6800. Thank you for your assistance with this matter and please let me know when I can expect to receive the responsive documents.

Thank you,



Michele Lieberman,  
Alachua County Manager

Enclosure

CC: Sylvia E. Torres, County Attorney

## Exhibit “A”

Location Map – HPS Enterprises II, LLC HPS II Mine, Bradford and Union Counties, Florida

Location Map of the Enterprise Project Tracts, Union County, Florida

Aerial Photograph of the Enterprise Project Tracts, Union County, Florida

Location Map of the Enterprise Project Tracts, Bradford County, Florida

Aerial Photograph of the Enterprise Project Tracts, Bradford County, Florida







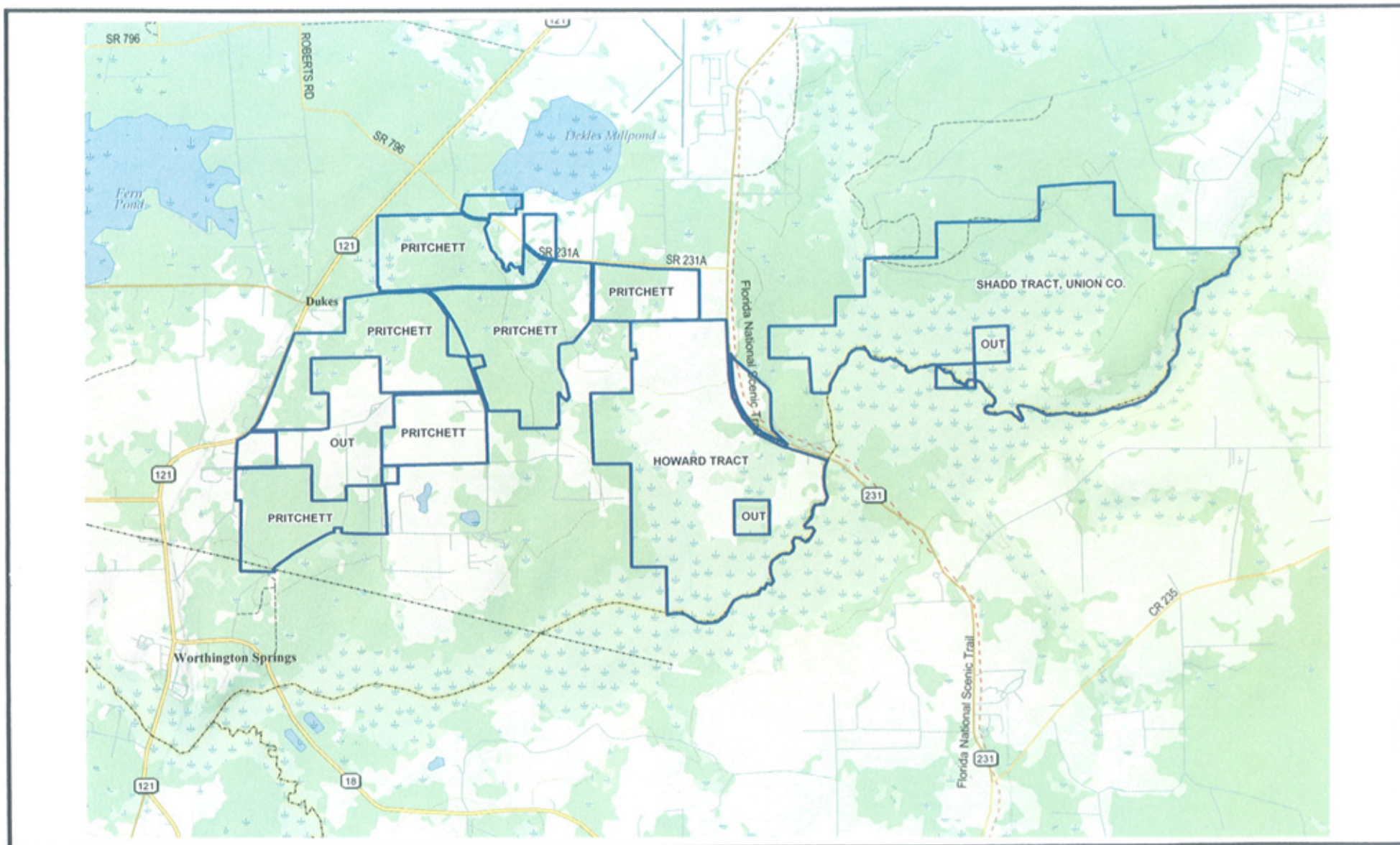


FIGURE 1. LOCATION MAP OF THE ENTERPRISE PROJECT TRACTS, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA

SOURCE: DELORME 2004

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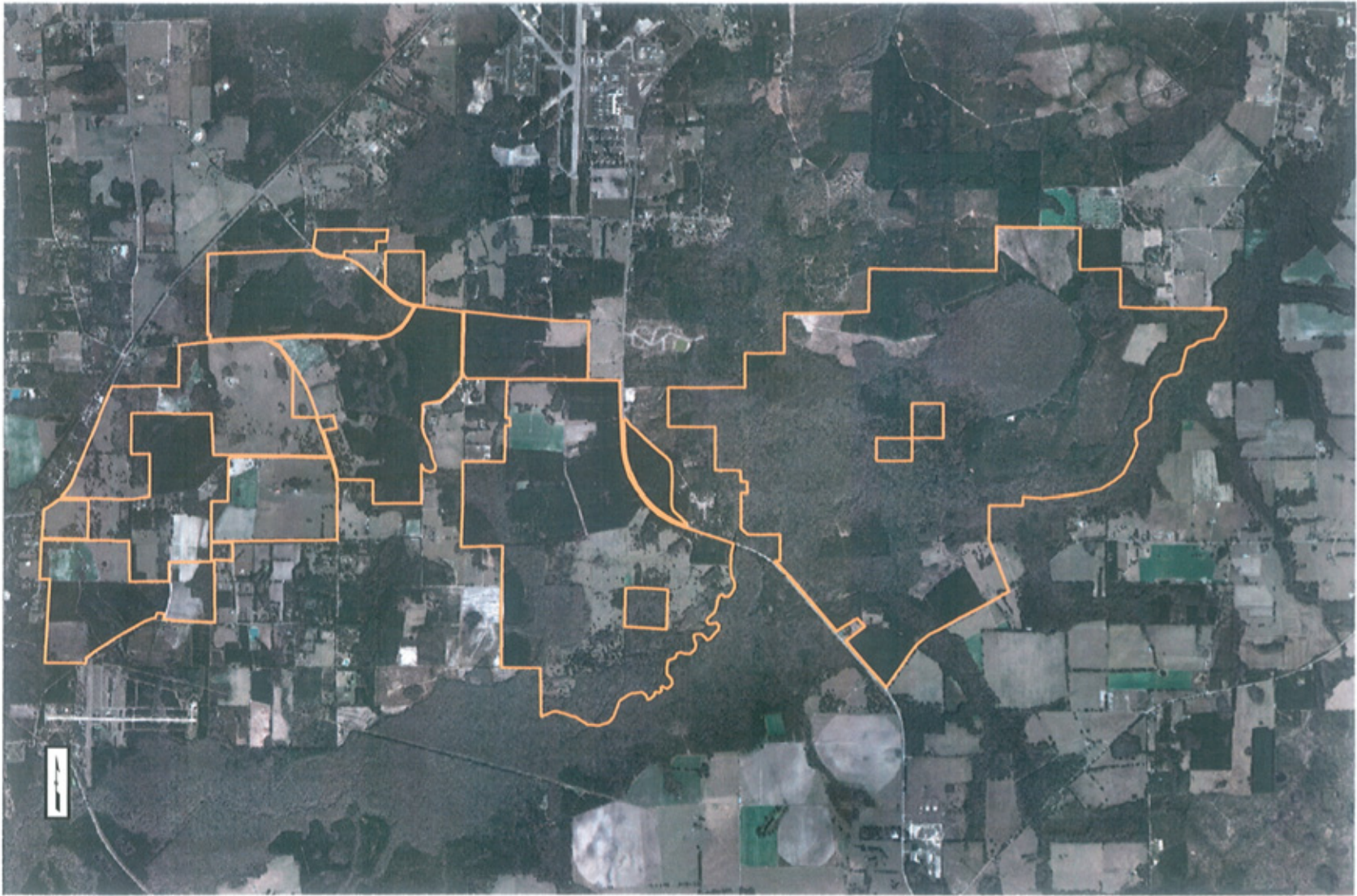


FIGURE 2. AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF THE ENTERPRISE PROJECT TRACTS, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA

SOURCE: GOOGLE 2016

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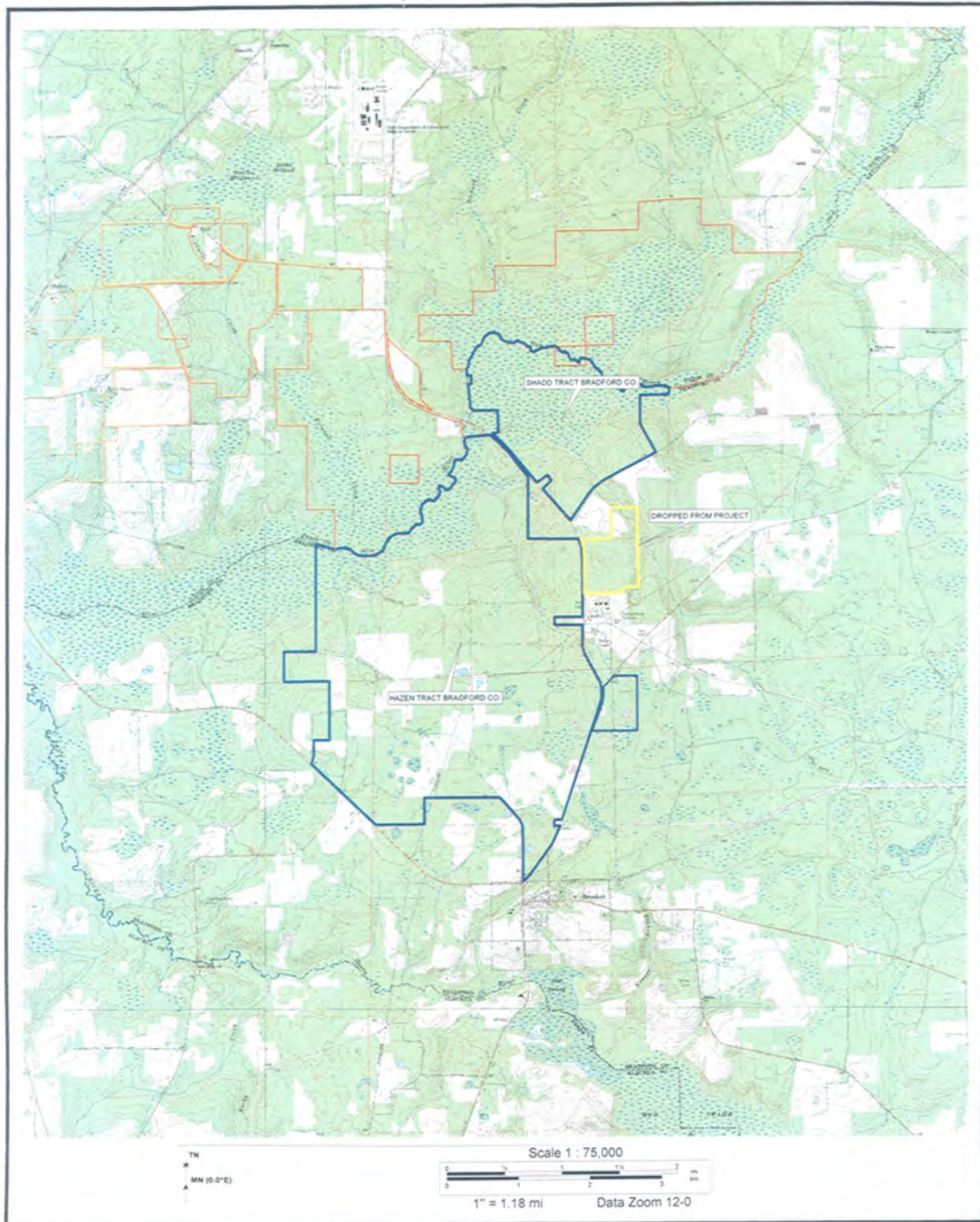


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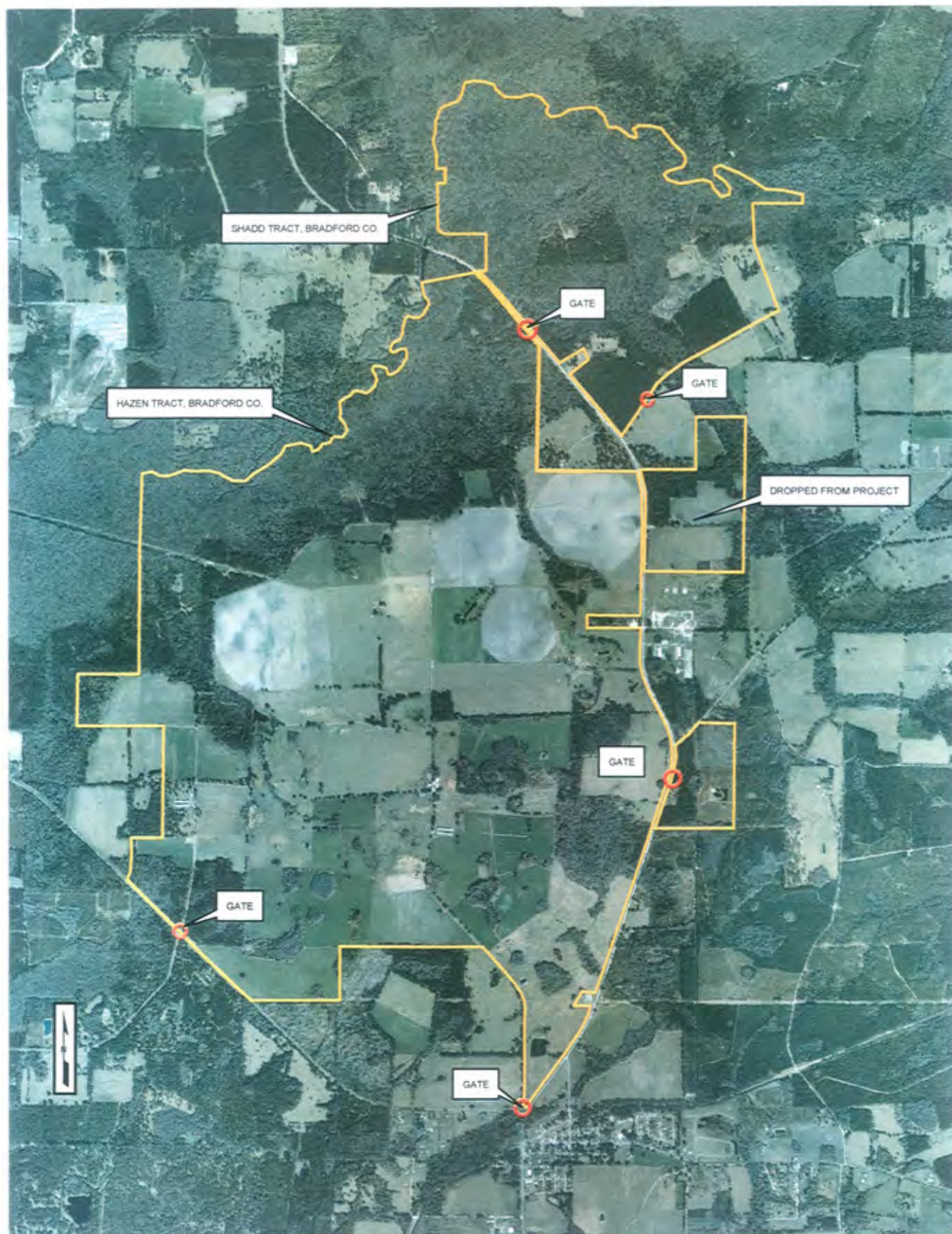


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